

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Interagency Council on Homelessness



Notes from the Meeting of the Interagency Council of Homelessness (ICH)

Date and Time: November 9, 2010 2:00pm-3:30pm

Location: N Street Village, 1333 N Street Washington, DC 20005

Approximate Attendance: 91

Welcome and Introductions

Neil Albert, City Administrator, called the meeting to order and then opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Public Comment Period

- A meeting attendee expressed her overall satisfaction with the 2010-2011 Winter Plan, but she is concerned about capacity issues at DC General.
- An attendee noted that he does not believe that complaints received by the Shelter Monitoring Hotline are being thoroughly investigated.

ICH Committee Reports

Steering Committee-Scott McNeilly, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless (WLCH)

- Scott McNeilly informed the group that the Steering Committee has been reconfigured to function more like an Executive committee. The Executive Committee will include all committee chairs and will be responsible for the development and execution of annual work plans pertaining to the Strategic Action Plan objectives.
- The next Steering Committee is tentatively set for Jan. 3, 2011.
- The Washington Legal Clinic for the homeless will post all upcoming 2011 ICH meetings and subcommittee meetings onto their website:
(<http://legalclinic.org/ihc2/calendar2.asp>)

Operations and Logistics Committee- Chapman Todd, Catholic Charities

- Chapman Todd informed the group that the Operations and Logistics Committee has been working to ensure that the 2010-2011 Winter Plan is being implemented. Periodic conference calls have been administered in order to capture any issues/concerns regarding implementation.
- In addition. The committee is looking into shelter options on non-hypothermia nights when there is no shelter capacity.

Shelter Capacity Subcommittee-Michael Ferrell, Coalition for the Homeless

- Michael Ferrell announced that the Homeless Resource Guide, a one pager of contact information for various services available to homeless persons in the District is complete. Michael asked that each attendee circulate the document to any person that may benefit from it. The document is also posted on the ICH website (http://www.ich.dc.gov/ich/lib/ich/pdf/Homeless_Resource_Sheet_92110_Final.pdf)
- The next scheduled meeting is Nov. 18 9:30am at SOME (71 N Street NW).

Strategic Planning Committee- Kelly Sweeney-McShane, Community of Hope

- At the last meeting, Laura Zeilinger informed the group that a Strategic Planning workshop with an outside consultant took place and focused on Issues related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, data measurements and outcomes. The Strategic Planning Committee is still reviewing the report, and hopes to provide information regarding next steps at the next meeting.

Youth Subcommittee-Sue Marshall, The Community Partnership

- The Youth Subcommittee is in the initial stages of the development of a document that lays the framework for ending youth homelessness. The group is currently gathering information about current programs that exist for homeless youth in the District.

DHS Updates

- Permanent Supportive Housing/Veterans
 - An agreement had been made between the VA and DHS that will allow for 105 additional veterans to be housed through the Permanent Supportive Housing Program for Veterans (PSHV). The agreement should be executed by the beginning of 2011.
- Vouchers for Disabled Homeless
 - 200 HUD funded vouchers for non-elderly disabled homeless persons in the District are available; representatives from DHS, DMH and DCHA are currently working to determine eligibility.

Strategic Action Plan-Update

- Fred Swan of DHS provided information on the implementation of new contracts
 - There are currently six RFPs
 - Management and Oversight-Under review
 - Outreach Services-Under review
 - Shelter Hotline –Under review
 - STI/Case Management- Under review
 - Virginia Williams/DC General-Under review
 - Individual Assessment Center-12/16 closing date; decision must be made by 3/16

Public Comment Period

- It was suggested by an attendee that the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) should be a part of the ICH.
- Another attendee expressed his concern about problems that he is having with person in the CCNV shelter. To remedy this situation, Clarence Carter of DHS instructed the attendee to talk to a DHS employee after the meeting.